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DoJ:

Given the recent merger of AOL and Time Warner, one wonders why the DoJ is busting Microsoft. It just goes to show how out of touch the federal government is with the dynamism of the free market. Let's not forget about the upcoming Linux operating system -- not to mention the half a dozen other OSs out there.

There is no such thing as perfect competition -- the predicate of antitrust. Even if a corporation has a large market share, there is always competition around the corner. Furthermore, a large market share is due to consumer demand. Consumers are sovereign in the market and determine its direction. Antitrust supersedes this sovereignty.

The only purpose that antitrust serves is to afford a successful corporation's competition a political tool to gain the upper hand. It's all about political power, not about the ability to compete.

Sincerely,

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